

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A system to receive encoded and scrambled data signals and process the signals in order to convert them to output stimuli that can be understood by a user of the system, the system comprising:

a data signal decoder for decompressing the data ~~signals, signals;~~

an output device for generating the output stimuli on the basis of output signals from the ~~decoder, decoder;~~

descrambling means for descrambling the data signals, said descrambling means being ~~intended to be~~ activated by an enabling signal; ~~and~~

enabling means, ~~which are intended to receive~~ for receiving protected information from a transmitter transmitting the data signals, ~~and to supply~~ and supplying the enabling signal following the reception of said protective information,

wherein the descrambling means execute a conditional access software program for controlling the descrambling of said data signals, said software program being ~~intended to be~~ transported to the descrambling means by the enabling signal.

2. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the descrambling means are included in the decoder.

3. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the enabling means are included in the decoder.

4. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the decoder is included in the output device.

5. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the decoder includes an interface to enable data to be exchanged with peripheral equipment, and wherein the conditional access software program is ~~intended to be~~ transferred from the enabling means to the descrambling means via the interface by the enabling signal.

6. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the enabling means comprise a memory for storing the protected information including said conditional access software program for controlling the descrambling.

7. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the enabling means include a detachable memory medium reader, the protected information being ~~intended to be~~ stored in a memory of the medium.

8. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the detachable memory medium is a chip card.

9. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the enabling means are provided with a modem enabling a real-time data exchange between the system and a transmitter of data signals.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of descrambling and decompressing data signals within a system ~~intended to convert~~ for converting said signals into output stimuli that can be understood by a user of the system, the method comprising transferring a conditional access software program, from enabling means ~~intended to receive~~ for receiving protected information from a transmitter of data signals, to descrambling means comprising hardware for executing said software program.